

of Transportation issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Vortice*, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

S. 662

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding sections 12106 and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (46 U.S.C. App. 289), and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *VORTICE* (Bari, Italy, registration number 256), if the vessel meets the ownership requirements of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. App. 802).

The bill (S. 662), as amended, was passed.

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE VESSEL "DUSKEN IV"

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 880) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Dusken IV*, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

S. 880

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding sections 12106 and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (24 Stat. 81, chapter 421; 46 U.S.C. App. 289), and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *DUSKEN IV* (United States official number 952645).

The bill (S. 880), as amended, was passed.

COMMENDING OF DR. JASON C. HU

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 125 submitted earlier today by Senator MURKOWSKI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 125) commending Dr. Jason C. Hu, Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reso-

lution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statement relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 125), with its preamble, read as follows:

S. RES. 125

Whereas Dr. Jason C. Hu has served with distinction as Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) since June 1996, and has ably represented the interests of the Republic of China on Taiwan;

Whereas Dr. Hu has been a firm and consistent advocate of democratic principles throughout his distinguished career;

Whereas Dr. Hu has established many deep friendships with Members of Congress and other Americans during his tenure in Washington; and

Whereas Dr. Hu has been asked to return to Taiwan to serve as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate hereby—

(1) commends Dr. Jason C. Hu for his service as Representative of the TECRO office; and

(2) expresses to Dr. Hu and his family its best wishes for his continued success in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 246 and No. 258.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear at this point in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sheila Foster Anthony, of Arkansas, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1995.

AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601 and to be appointed as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force under the provisions of title 10, U.S.C., section 8033:

To be general

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, 0000.

STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF MS. SHEILA ANTHONY TO BE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, as the ranking Democratic member of the

Senate Commerce Committee, I am proud to support the nomination of Ms. Sheila F. Anthony to serve as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission [FTC]. The FTC is now functioning with only four Commissioners. Because of the Commission's myriad of responsibilities, it is imperative the agency operates with maximum participation of its designated Commissioners to ensure its efficiency.

The primary duties of the Federal Trade Commission are: First, to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive practices, and second to ensure the operation of an efficient and competitive market-place. As part of its administrative responsibilities, the Commission administers a number of Federal statutes, including the Federal Trade Commission Act, which provides the Commission its consumer protection authority, and the Sherman, Clayton & Robinson-Patman antitrust statutes, as well as the Fair Credit Reporting, Fair Debt Collection Practices, and Truth in Lending Acts. A few of the Commission's specific duties include safeguarding the public from false advertisement of goods and services, telemarketing fraud, unfair pricing of products, unfair mergers and acquisitions, illegal boycotts, and other unfair methods of competition.

Ms. Anthony's record reveals she is well qualified to serve as a Commissioner on the FTC. Her past experience includes serving as an Assistant Attorney General with the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as working as a private practice attorney on matters such as copyright, trademark, and antitrust.

Ms. Anthony has stated she is ready to take on the many present challenges of the FTC. I look forward to working with her and urge my colleagues to support her nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO AWARD A GOLD MEDAL

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2248 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2248) to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support